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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

In response to the Advisory Action of June 28, 1999, please note the following.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel without prejudice claim 18, which first appeared in the Amendment filed March 11, 1999, and was thereafter slightly amended in the paper entitled Amendment filed June 21, 1999 and enter in lieu thereof the following claim:

19. In a method of heat treating a tool steel workpiece the steps of
providing a heat source in the interior of a furnace of a size suitable to receive
a tool steel workpiece to be heat treated,
providing a coating of reflective material selected from the group consisting

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